

Vacant Posts pertaining to SCs/STs

4311. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various category-wise posts pertaining to SCs/STs lying vacant in his Ministry and its subordinate offices;

(b) if so, the date since when these posts are lying vacant; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Measures taken to boost morale of Security Personnel

†4312. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is Government's reaction to the news-items published in 'Punjab Kesri' dated the 27th February, 2001 under the caption "*Jammu-Kashmir mein tainat surakshakarmi asamanjas mein*";

(b) the details of the measures taken by Government to boost the morale of the security personnel; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Security Forces have worked out a strategy to deal with the militants in the State of J & K for the period during which the renewed peace initiative is in force. This *inter alia* includes continued anti-infiltration operations at International Border and Line of Control, area domination and other steps for the protection to minorities, scattered and remote populations, protection of vital installations and security camps

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